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SUBJ: LOS: ARCHIPELAGO-STRAITS DISCUSSIONS WITH
INDONESIAN DELEGATION

1. AMBASSADOR JOHN NORTON MOORE, MR STUART FRENCH OF DOD/ISSA AND REAR ADMIRAL MAX MORRIS, JCS REP FOR LOS, MET FOR TWO HOURS AT LUNCH WITH INDONESIAN TEAM CONSISTING OF AIR MARSHAL SOEDARMONO, AMBASSADOR SANI, AND COLONEL WIGNJOSAPOETRO. MEETING WAS FIRST ONE OF SUBSTANCE DURING CURRENT LOS SESSION, THIS IN CONSONANCE WITH LOW-KEY STANCE AGREED TO EARLIER IN SESSION.
2. MARSHAL SOEDARMONO INDICATED HE BELIEVED US AND INDONESIA SOUGHT ESSENTIALLY SAME THINGS IN A NEGOTIATED TREATY BUT ARRIVED BY DIFFERENT PATHS, USING DIFFERENT TERMINOLOGY. HE INDICATED THAT PRIMARY CONCERN OF INDONESIANS AT THIS TIME, IN ADDITION TO ACHIEVING RECOGNITION OF ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE, WAS TO AVOID POLITICAL COMPLICATIONS WHICH COULD RESULT INTERNALLY, NOT EXTERNALLY, IF THEIR POSITIONS ON NAVIGATION ISSUES REVERSED. IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER HE MEANT INTERNALLY WITHIN GOVERNMENT, BUT PRESUME THIS WAS THE IDEA. HE

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FURTHER INDICATED LITTLE EXPECTATION OF ANY REAL

RESULTS FROM GENEVA SESSION.

3. AMBASSADOR MOORE RESPONDED WITH BELIEF THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR GENEVA SESSION TO PRODUCE IMPORTANT AND TANGIBLE RESULTS, CITING THE COMMITTEE TWO SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT AS AN EXAMPLE. MOORE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD INDONESIAN DESIRES TO MAINTAIN LOW PROFILE BUT EMPHASIZED THAT US - INDONESIAN AGREEMENT EVEN ON TEXT WITH SOME BLANK FIGURES WOULD HAVE GREAT IMPACT, PROBABLY BECOMING PART OF GALINDO POHL'S SINGLE TEXT, AND THUS ACHIEVING BOTH COUNTRIES' FUNDAMENTAL NEEDS.

4. MOORE EXPLAINED PLAN FOR INSERTING A TEXT WITHOUT NEED FOR ANYONE TO BE ALONE AS ADVOCATE, CITING BAHAMAS AS ONE READY TO JOIN IN SMALL MEETING OF TRULY INTERESTED STATES WITH GALINDO POHL. AFTER DISCUSSION, SOEDARMONO (WHO WAS VIRTUALLY SOLE SPEAKER ON INDONESIAN SIDE) AGREED THAT USEFUL WAY OF PROCEEDING WOULD BE TO HAVE GALINDO POHL INVITE SEVERAL ARCHIPELAGO STATES AND SEVERAL MARITIME STATES TO A SERIES OF PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS DESIGNED TO GIVE THE CHAIRMAN SOME GUIDANCE ON A POSSIBLE SINGLE TEXT.

5. SOEDARMONO CONTINUED TO SPAR ON SUBSTANCE AND ON TACTICS. HE CAREFULLY AVOIDED COMMITMENT EITHER FOR OR AGAINST A JOINT SUBMISSION OF ANY TEXT. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT HIS OWN GROUP WAS WORKING ON THEIR OWN TEXT, AND THAT THIS PREVENTED ANY SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION ON ANY OTHER TEXT PER SE'. HE DID INDICATE THAT HIS GROUP'S TEXT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING VERY SOON.

6. IN RESPONSE TO THE USUAL PROBE REGARDING POSSIBLE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ON ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLES AND TRANSIT AGREEMENTS IN ABSENCE OF A SUCCESSFUL TREATY, MOORE (WITH MORRIS AND FRENCH IN SUPPORT) REMINDED SOEDARMONO THAT US POSITION AGAINST THIS IS CLEAR, FIRM, AND UNCHANGING.

7. COMMENT. INDONESIANS WERE WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH SMALL NEGOTIATING GROUP. SOEDARMONO WAS CLEARLY THE
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LEADER, AND, IN FACT, AMBASSADOR SANI REFERRED TO SOEDARMONO AS THE QUOTE NUMBER THREE MAN IN THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT AS OF NOW UNQUOTE.
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